SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

On January 13, 1993, Officer [redacted] of the San Gabriel Police Department, began a narcotics investigation into the sales of rock cocaine from the residence at [redacted] Palmerstone Street, in the unincorporated area of Compton. On that date, [redacted]

Following the purchase of narcotics, Officer [redacted] obtained a Search Warrant for the Palmerstone residence. [redacted] also learned that the Compton Police Department had served a Narcotics Search Warrant at that address [redacted]. During the service of the Compton warrant, the Compton officers had a very difficult time entering the residence because of the security bars on all of the windows and doors of the house. [redacted]

Officer [redacted] believed that the officers who would be serving the Search Warrant, would be at high risk, so he contacted the Sheriff's Department Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) to assist in the service of the warrant.

After formulating a plan, (Exhibit A, a diagram of the location and a copy of the Search Warrant are included in this exhibit) to make entry and serve the Search Warrant at [redacted] Palmerstone Street, the deputies from SEB Blue Team, went to the Palmerstone address. They were accompanied by Officers [redacted] and [redacted] the from San Gabriel Police Department and Sergeant [redacted] and Officer [redacted] of the Alhambra Police Department. The San Gabriel officers contained the southwest side of the house, and the Alhambra officers contained the southeast side.

The SEB Blue Team Commander was Lieutenant Baytos. The Entry Team Leader was Sergeant Marsh, who was accompanied by four entry team members, Deputies Salvador Velasquez, #[redacted], Scott Walker, #[redacted], Mark Hoefler, #[redacted], and Robert Smith, #[redacted]. Other Blue Team members who were positioned on the perimeter at the location, and not part of the entry team, were Deputies Michael Centofante, #[redacted], Christopher Shepard, #[redacted] J. E. Jennings, #[redacted], Gary Wilkerson, #[redacted], and K-9 handler Wilkinson.

The entry team approached the rear yard of the location and found the rear gate locked. They were unable to cut the lock, so they used a "Ruly" ladder, which is a short three foot ladder, to get over the rear wall.

After the third deputy entered the rear yard,a female resident who was living in the [redacted], heard the deputies, and opened the side door of the [redacted]. Deputy Scott Walker illuminated the female with his flashlight and told her to be quiet, lie on the floor and leave the door open. The female resident ignored the order, and closed the door.

Sergeant Marsh knew that the residents of the [redacted] were [redacted] of Suspect Escobedo and believed that the entry team had been "compromised" by being observed by the female inside the [redacted]. For the safety of the deputies, Sergeant Marsh directed the deputies to make an immediate

entry into the house. Deputies Centofante and Wilkerson were directed to cover the residents of the [redacted] while the entry team made their entry into the residence.

The entry team approached the rear of the location, (Exhibit B) and per 844 of the Penal Code, made several announcements of who they were, and that they were there to serve a Search Warrant. These warnings were given in English as well as in Spanish. No one inside the residence acknowledged the warnings given by the deputies.

The deputies then pried the wrought iron security door open, then used a ram and opened the rear door of the residence, (Exhibit C). As soon as the rear door was opened, Deputy Velasquez entered the kitchen of the residence, followed by the other entry team members. While entering the residence, Deputy Velasquez continued to announce in Spanish, and in English, who they were and their purpose for being there.

Inside the kitchen there is a door on the south wall, leading into a hall way, (Exhibit D). Within seconds after entering the residence, Velasquez pushed this door open. Suspect Escobedo was standing in the hallway, holding a semi-automatic rifle, and pointed the rifle at Deputy Velasquez, (Exhibit E). Deputy Velasquez fired six rounds at Suspect Escobedo, striking him, (Exhibit F).

It was later learned that the semi-automatic rifle Suspect Escobedo was holding, was fully loaded with 10 rounds in the magazine, one in the chamber, and the weapon was "off safe".

The deputies had been previously advised that when Compton Police Department had served a Narcotics Search Warrant at this same location [redacted], Maria Escobedo had destroyed cocaine evidence by flushing it down the toilet. To prevent Maria Escobedo from again destroying evidence in this same manner, deputies who were outside of the residence, broke the bathroom window at the same time entry was made through the back door, in an attempt to distract her and keep her from destroying any evidence that might have been inside the location.

Maria Escobedo was later found in the doorway of the south master bedroom of the residence, and was arrested. Found in the bathroom near the master bedroom was narcotics, (rock cocaine), and money, (Exhibit G).

The two minor [redacted] of the suspects, [redacted], male seven, and [redacted], female three, were in the south master bedroom during the S.E.B. entry and the time of the shooting. The minor [redacted] were transported to Lynwood Sheriff Station, and released to their [redacted] at 1030 hours on January 20, 1993.

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RECORDS & STATISTICS BUREAU'S USE ONLY

ACTION: ACTIVE (X) PENDING ( ) INACTIVE ( ) | INDEX INFO: Yes ( ) No (X) | No of Adult Arrests: Ø | No of Subject Detentions: Ø | URN (File No): 093-00797-2553-051

CLASSIFICATION: OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING - PERSON DEAD / POSSESSION OF A
CLASSIFICATION: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE FOR SALES 11351 H.S.

If Domestic Violence: Weapon Used ( ) YES ( ) NO
VIA SECTY | TIME

DATE TIME DAY OF OCCURRENCE: 1-20-93 0620 WEDNESDAY
PRINT DEPUTY REQUESTED: NO (X) YES ( ) LOC ( ) STA ( ) VEH ( )
TRACT
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: [redacted] PALMER STONE ST. E. RANCHO DOMINGUEZ
TYPE OF LOCATION: HOUSE

CODE: V—VICTIM, W—WITNESS, I—INFORMANT, R—REPORTING PARTY, P—PARTY. LIST ONE WITNESS (IF NAMED) AND THE INFORMANT ON THIS PAGE.

CODE | LAST NAME | FIRST | MIDDLE | SEX | RACE | DOB | CHECK DAY PHONE BELOW
No OF RESIDENCE ADDRESS | CITY | ZIP | RES PHONE (AREA CODE)
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CIRCLE CODE IF SUPP. PAGES USED FOR V W S SJ M S/V SJ/V

CODE: S—SUSPECT, SJ—SUBJECT, M—PATIENT, S/V—SUSPECT/VICTIM, SJ/V—SUBJECT/VICTIM

CODE | LAST NAME | FIRST | MIDDLE | DRIVER'S LICENSE (STATE & No)
No OF RESIDENCE ADDRESS | CITY | ZIP | RES PHONE (AREA CODE)
BUSINESS ADDRESS | CITY | ZIP | BUS PHONE (AREA CODE)
SEX | RACE | HAIR | EYES | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | DOB | AGE | WHERE DETAINED OR CITE No
OBSERVABLE PHYSICAL ODDITIES | AKA NICKNAME | BOOKING No
CLOTHING WORN | MAIN
CHARGE | WEAPON USED

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VEHICLE USED IN CRIME YES ( ) NO (X) | YR | MAKE | BODY TYPE | COLOR
UNKNOWN ( ) STORED ( ) IMPOUNDED ( )
LICENSE (STATE & No) | VIN FRAME No
REGISTERED OWNER
IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS
CHP 180 SUBMITTED YES ( ) NO (X) | GARAGE NAME & PHONE
VICTIM DESIROUS OF PROSECUTION YES ( ) NO ( ) N/A | VICTIM INSURED FOR LOSS YES ( ) NO ( ) | EAP No
SUSPECT/SUBJECT RELEASE APPROVED BY | TIME | ARREST REVIEW SUBMITTED YES ( ) NO (X)

BY DEPUTY: T. FORTIER — BADGE No 222083
DEPUTY: M. OLIVER — BADGE No 275775
STATION: LYNWOOD | UNIT/CAR No: 253 A | SHIFT: DAY
APPROVED: [signature] | BADGE: 094634 | TIME: 1330 HRS
ASSIGNMENT: HOMICIDE
SPECIAL REQUEST DISTRIBUTION: NARCOTICS
TT B/C BY | DATE | TIME | SECTY: DNP 122

USE FOR PROPERTY/NARRATIVE AS NEEDED

DATE 1-20-93 | TIME REC'D 0620 | OBS ( ) | DET ( ) | CALL (X) | URN 093-00791-2553-051

INPUT/CHECKED NCIC CH. ETC YES ( ) NO (X) EVIDENCE (CODE-EV) HELD YES ( ) NO (X) MARKED, TAGGED, SEALED & PLACED IN STATION EVIDENCE LOCKER INSIDE ( ) OUTSIDE ( ) SAFE ( ) REFRIG ( ) BY LEDGER PAGE No

IF BURGLARY: FORCE USED YES ( ) NO ( ) N/A POINT OF ENTRY-DOOR ( ) WINDOW ( ) ROOF ( ) OTHER

PROPERTY: (TOTAL VALUE) RECOVERED $ 0 STOLEN $ 0 DAMAGED $ 0

PROPERTY CODE: S—stolen R—recovered L—lost F—found E—embezzled D—damaged
(Use All Applicable Codes: For Example, If Property Is Both Stolen & Recovered Code Is S/R)

PROPERTY RELEASED TO

CODE	ITEM No	QUAN	DESCRIPTION INCLUDE KIND OF ARTICLE, TRADE NAME, IDENTIFYING NUMBERS, PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, MATERIAL, COLOR, CONDITION, AGE AND PRESENT MARKET VALUE	SERIAL No	VALUE
					$

WE RESPONDED TO THE LOCATION RE: A BACK-UP REQUEST FROM OUR S.E.B. UNIT. WHEN WE ARRIVED WE CONTACTED LT. RAY BAYTOS. HE ADVISED US THAT HE AND HIS "BLUE" TEAM WERE ASSISTING SAN GABRIEL P.D. IN SERVING A NARCOTICS WARRANT.

AT 0620 HRS. THEY WERE INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING. DEPUTIES WILKERSON AND JENNINGS FROM S.E.B. PRONOUNCED THE SUSPECT DEAD AT 0620 HRS.

TYPE OF CRIME:
TYPE OF LOCATION:
TYPE OF WEAPON:
SUSPECT:
VEHICLE:

LOCATION/VEHICLE:
AREA:
POINT OF ENTRY:
MODE OF ENTRY:
IMPLEMENTS USED:
CAT BURGLARY:

SCREENING FACTORS

YES	NO		YES	NO	
X		1. SUSPECT IN CUSTODY			7. GENERAL SUSPECT DESCRIPTION
		2. SUSPECT NAMED/KNOWN			8. GENERAL VEHICLE DESCRIPTION
		3. UNIQUE SUSPECT IDENTIFIERS			9. UNIQUE M.O. OR PATTERN
		4. VEHICLE IN CUSTODY			10. SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
		5. UNIQUE VEHICLE IDENTIFIERS			11. TRACEABLE STOLEN PROPERTY
		6. WRITER/REVIEWER DISCRETION			12. MULTIPLE WITNESSES

PART I STATISTICAL INFORMATION — ADDITIONAL CRIMES 1) ____ 2) ____ NUMBER OF VICTIMS ____

TYPE OF PROPERTY	STOLEN	RECOVERED	TYPE OF PROPERTY	STOLEN	RECOVERED
CLOTHING/FURS	$	$	JEWELRY	$	$
CONSUMABLE GOODS	$	$	LIVESTOCK	$	$
CURRENCY/NOTES	$	$	LOCAL STOLEN VEHICLES	$	$
FIREARMS	$	$	MISCELLANEOUS	$	$
HOUSEHOLD GOODS	$	$	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	$	$
			TV/RADIO/STEREO	$	$

WEAPONS CODE
( ) ARTICLES THROWN
( ) CAUSTIC CHEMICALS
( ) CLUB/BLUNT INSTRUMENT
( ) DRUGS/NOXIOUS GAS
( ) FIRE/EXPLOSIVES
( ) HANDS/FEET/FIST/ETC
( ) KNIFE/CUTTING INSTRUMENT
( ) POISON
( ) REVOLVER/PISTOL
(X) RIFLE
( ) SHOTGUN
( ) STRANGULATION
( ) VEHICLE
( ) UNKNOWN/OTHER

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LA COUNTY FIRE, ENGINE #31, ALSO RESPONDED. PARAMEDICS DURAN AND MORSE ALSO EXAMINED THE VICTIM AND CONFIRMED DEATH.

AN ENTRY LOG WAS ALSO KEPT BY THIS UNIT. (SEE ATTACHED FORM.)

LT. BAYTOS NOTIFIED CAPTAIN DAN BURT (SEB) AND HOMICIDE DET. DANOFF AT 0640 HRS. COMMANDER HAMMARGRIN WAS ALSO NOTIFIED AT THIS TIME.

HOMICIDE DETECTIVES SUSAN COLEMAN AND FRANK DURAZO RESPONDED TO THE LOCATION AT 0840 HRS AND TOOK OVER THE INVESTIGATION.

SEE FURTHER SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

DATE JANUARY 20, 1993 FILE NO. 093-00797-2553-055

C- ATTEMPT MURDER ON A PEACE OFFICER 664/187 P.C. Action Taken ACTIVE/INVESTIGATION MADE/WITNESSES INTERVIEWED/SUSPECT INTERVIEWED

V- DEPUTY VELASQUEZ, SALVADOR MH/[redacted] (ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU)

D- 01-20-93 (WEDNESDAY) AT 0620 HOURS

L- [redacted] PALMERSTONE STREET, EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ

S- #1 - ESCOBEDO, AMADO ALONZO MH/40, DOB: 02-09-52 (DECEASED)
#2 - ESCOBEDO, MARIA ESPERANZA FH/34 DOB: 10-01-59 (IN CUSTODY)

EVIDENCE HELD:

Item #1A - One Heckler and Koch model MP-5 9mm submachine gun #[redacted] with one magazine containing (25) live 9mm rounds

Item #2A - One expended bullet fragment.

Item #3A - Two expended bullets, miscellaneous bullet fragments and one small piece of cloth recovered from within Suspect Amado Escobedo's body on 01-22-93 by Dr. Scholtz.

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On 01-20-93 at approximately 0645 hours, Investigators were dispatched to [redacted] Palmerstone Street, East Rancho Dominguez to investigate a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputy involved shooting. The location is in an unincorporated section of Los Angeles County and is under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lynwood Sheriff's Station.

Upon arrival at approximately 0840 hours, Investigators were briefed by Deputy T. Fortier #[redacted], Unit 253A days, Lynwood Sheriff's Station, about the circumstances surrounding the incident. Deputy Fortier and his partner Deputy M. Oliver #[redacted], prepared the first report (Complaint Report) which will be made a permanent part of this file.

Investigators M. Lee #[redacted] and C. Comstock #[redacted], assigned to Sheriff's Homicide Bureau conducted a detailed scene investigation at the location. A report of their investigation will be prepared by them and made a permanent part of this file. Their report will

include a list of evidence held items and names of Sheriff's Criminalistic Laboratory Personnel and Coroner's personnel who were at the location in their presence.

SYNOPSIS

At approximately 0620 hours on Wednesday, 01-20-93, members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Enforcement Bureau (S.E.B.) assisted members of the San Gabriel Police Department in the service of a narcotics search warrant at the location. Five S.E.B. "Blue Team" personnel made entry into the location. Several announcements pursuant to 844 P.C. were made prior to and during entry by S.E.B. personnel in English and Spanish languages. S.E.B. Deputy Salvador Velasquez was immediately confronted by Suspect Amado Alonzo Escobedo who was armed with a fully loaded semi-automatic assault rifle (Evidence Held Item #8 listed in Investigators Lee and Comstock's Supplemental Report) which contained ten live rounds in the magazine and one live round in the chamber, safety mechanism in the "off" position, ready to be fired.

Entry was made at the north kitchen door of the location. Suspect Amado Escobedo was positioned behind a partially opened door located directly south of the entry door. This door separates the kitchen and leads to a small hallway where Suspect Amado Escobedo was standing with his rifle pointed directly at Deputy Salvador Velasquez. At that time Deputy Velasquez fired his Hecker and Koch model MP-5 9mm submachine gun (Evidence Item #1A) five or six times, striking Suspect Amado Escobedo, resulting in his death.

This Evidence Held Item #IA, MP-5 submachine gun was provided to Investigators by S.E.B. Deputy Scott Walker on 01-20-93 and transported to Sheriff's Crime Lab, Firearms Section on 01-20-93, for test fire, inspection and comparison with other evidence Under Lab Receipt #H523561.

LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERVIEWS

S.E.B. "Blue Team" entry personnel at the location on 01-20-93 at 0620 hours consisted of the following personnel who entered in the order listed below:

(1) DEPUTY SALVADOR VELASQUEZ, #[redacted]
(2) DEPUTY SCOTT WALKER, #[redacted]
(3) SERGEANT WILLIAM MARSH, #[redacted]
(4) DEPUTY MARK HOEFLER, #[redacted]
(5) DEPUTY ROBERT SMITH, #[redacted]



These five members of S.E.B. were interviewed on 01-20-93 by Investigators. The interviews were tape recorded. Refer to transcripts of these interviews for details which are submitted and made a permanent part of this file.

Four S.E.B. "Blue Team" members were positioned on the perimeter of the location at the time of entry on 01-20-93, they are:

(1) DEPUTY GARY WILKERSON, #[redacted]
(2) DEPUTY J.E. JENNINGS #[redacted]
(3) DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER SHEPHARD #[redacted]
(4) DEPUTY MICHAEL CENTOFANTE #[redacted]

These four members of S.E.B. have written Supplemental Reports in lieu of interview by Investigators which will be submitted and made a permanent part of this file. Refer to their reports for details.

Two members of the San Gabriel Police Department were positioned on the perimeter of the location at the time of entry on 01-20-93. They are Detective [redacted] #[redacted] and Detective [redacted] #[redacted]. These detectives were interviewed by Investigators on 01-20-93. The interviews were tape recorded. Refer to transcripts of these interviews for details which are submitted and made a permanent part of this file. Detective [redacted] and [redacted] provided Investigators with their search warrant which had also been submitted and made a permanent part of this file. Subsequent to these interviews and subsequent to the conclusion of the scene investigation conducted by Investigators Lee and Comstock, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] conducted a search of the premises at the location pursuant to their search warrant. A copy of their search warrant return and their report (San Gabriel Police Department DR#93002-02; Report I.D. #S0627.A18) will be submitted and become a permanent part of this file.

Two members of the Alhambra Police Department assisted San Gabriel Police Department and were positioned on the perimeter of the location at the time of entry on 01-20-93. They are Sergeant [redacted] #[redacted] and Officer [redacted] #[redacted], both of whom are assigned to the Narcotics Enforcement Team of their department. These officers were interviewed by Investigators on 01-20-93. The interviews were tape recorded. Refer transcripts of these interviews for details which are submitted and made a permanent part of this file.

CIVILIAN INTERVIEWS

The following civilians were interviewed by Investigators on 01-20-93. These civilians were positioned inside separate housing structures located in the [redacted] area of the [redacted] location



during the time the search warrant/deputy involved shooting occurred on 01-20-93.

[redacted]

SUSPECT INTERVIEW

Suspect Maria Esperanza Escobedo, [redacted], of deceased Suspect Amado Escobedo, was interviewed by Investigators on 01-20-93. The interview was tape recorded. Refer transcripts for details of this interview which has been submitted and is a permanent part of this file. Suspect Maria E. Escobedo was arrested by Detective [redacted] of Gabriel Police Department at the location immediately after entry was made on 01-20-92. She was transported to Lynwood Sheriff's Station on 01-20-93, by Detective [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] (Alhambra Police Department). Members of the San Gabriel Police Department will proceed with the necessary paperwork for their case involving narcotics charges placed against Maria E. Escobedo. They will present the facts of their case to

the District Attorney's office for review. Refer to booking slip of Maria Escobedo and San Gabriel Police Department report for details which will be submitted and made a permanent part of this file.

The two minor [redacted] of Suspects Amado and Maria Escobedo were transported to Lynwood Sheriff's Station by uniformed Patrol personnel and released to their [redacted] a few hours later on 01-20-93 at approximately 1030 hours. They are [redacted], seven years of age and [redacted], three years of age. Investigators noted that these [redacted] were acting in a normal fashion. They did not act upset, indicating to Investigators that they were probably unaware that their [redacted] was deceased.

On 01-21-93, Investigators contacted S.E.B. Deputy Scott Walker who stated that the two minor [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] were in the south master bedroom during the S.E.B. entry and at the time of the shooting 01-20-93. Deputy Walker added that he personally carried [redacted] out of the house from the bedroom. Victim Amado Escobedo was covered by blankets during the time [redacted] was carried northbound through the hallway and out of the north kitchen door. Deputy Walker first observed Maria Escobedo by the door of this south bedroom.

On 01-21-93, Investigators contacted Deputy Salvador Velasquez who advised Investigators that his MP-5 submachine gun (Evidence Held Item #1A) was loaded with 30 rounds of ammunition on 01-20-93 at the time of entry to the location.

On 01-21-93, Investigators contacted Detective [redacted] at San Gabriel Police Department who provided one expended bullet fragment (Evidence Held Item #2A) which was recovered from the living room of the residence during their search of the location. This expended bullet was submitted to Sheriff's Crime Lab, Firearms Section for comparison testing on 01-22-93, Lab Receipt #H523563.

On 01-22-93 at 0940 hours, Investigator Coleman attended a post mortem examination of the suspect conducted by Dr. Scholtz. Dr. Scholtz recovered two bullets, several bullet fragments and one small piece of cloth from within the body of Amado Escobedo (Evidence #3A). The firearms evidence was submitted to the Sheriff's Crime Lab, Firearms Section for comparison testing on 01-22-93, Lab Receipt #H523563.

On 01-24-93, a VHS copy of news media coverage relating to this incident was obtained by Investigators via Sheriff's Information Bureau Personnel, which will be made a permanent part of this file.



BY: INVESTIGATOR SUSAN COLEMAN, [redacted]
INVESTIGATOR FRANK DURAZO, [redacted]
APPROVED BY: LIEUTENANT JOSEPH BROWN
HOMICIDE BUREAU - DETECTIVE DIVISION

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